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### AGE OF MOTHER:

Age of mother at time of delivery. It is a calculated field based on mother's date of birth and birth date of infant.

### BIRTH WEIGHT:

Very low birth weight live birth: live birth weight of less than 1,500 grams (3 pounds 4 ounces or less).

Low birth weight live birth: live birth weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds 8 ounces or less).

Normal birth weight live birth: live birth weight of 2,500 grams or more (5 pounds 9 ounces or more).

Low birth weight rate: number of low birth weight live births per 100 live births.

### BODY MASS INDEX (BMI):

BMI is defined as weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. Underweight is defined as a BMI less than 18.5; normal weight is defined as a BMI of 18.5 to 24.9; overweight is defined as a BMI of 25.0 or higher; obese is defined as a BMI of 29.0 or higher.

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR AGE OF MOTHER:

Low educational attainment for age: two or more years below expected grade level for females aged 17 years or younger; less than 12 years of education for females aged 18 years or older.

Average educational attainment for age: within one year of expected grade level for females aged 17 years or younger; 12 years of education for females aged 18 years or older.

High educational attainment for age: two or more years above expected grade level or females aged 17 years or younger; 13 or more years of education for females aged 18 years or older.

MOTHER'S AGE	EXPECTED EDUCATION LEVEL	MOTHER'S AGE	EXPECTED EDUCATION LEVEL
10	4	15	9
11	5	16	10
12	6	17	11
13	7	18+	12
14	8		

### ETHNICITY OF MOTHER:

Mother's ethnicity is based on the "mother of Hispanic origin" question on the birth certificate.

### MARITAL STATUS OF MOTHER:

Marital status indicates whether the mother was married (at the time of conception, at the time of delivery, or at any time between conception and delivery). The marital status field must be completed on the Idaho Certificate of Live Birth.

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